

<b>Name of Program</b>	Safe From The Start (SFTS)
<b>Description</b>	<p><i>California Safe from the Start</i> is a comprehensive strategy to assist communities in reducing the impact of violence on children. One in four California children are directly exposed to violence as a victim or witness. Important new research makes a compelling case that whether and how we care for the young witnesses and victims of violent acts is likely to make a profound and lifelong difference to them. <i>California Safe from the Start</i> is a groundbreaking, statewide, cross-disciplinary effort to share this new knowledge and design strategies to care for these children.</p> <p>Studies show that children exposed to violence and maltreatment suffer increased depression, anxiety, post-traumatic stress, anger, alcohol and drug abuse, and lower academic achievement. Children exposed to violence, either as victims or witnesses, are more likely to become juvenile and adult offenders. The Attorney General's office is committed to actively supporting state and local community initiatives that address the impact of violence on children.</p>
<b>Administering Agency and Partners</b>	Department of Justice
<b>Website Link</b>	<a href="http://safestate.org/index.cfm?navid=251">http://safestate.org/index.cfm?navid=251</a> <a href="http://www.safefromthestart.org">http://www.safefromthestart.org</a>
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